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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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- W 1. (currently amended) An organizer having a holder and at least one container unit, said at least one container unit comprising:
a housing having opposing side walls and a releasable latching mechanism for engaging the holder to secure the container unit in the holder; and
a plurality of bins mounted between said side walls for rotation between closed and open positions, such that in said closed position, outer faces of said bins are generally coplanar, and in said open position, said outer faces each angle outwardly from said housing, thereby providing access into said bins, said bins being connected together for movement in unison, said outer faces occupying substantially all of a front portion of said housing.
- W 2. (original) An organizer as recited in claim 1, wherein said holder comprises at least upper and lower elements, said at least one container unit being securable between said upper and lower elements.
- W 3. (original) An organizer as recited in claim 2, wherein each said container unit has at least one tab at the bottom thereof, to insert into a corresponding slot in one of said upper and lower elements, and at least one catch to engage a corresponding means in the other of said upper and lower elements.
4. (original) An organizer as recited in claim 1, in further combination with another said holder, connected thereto.
5. (original) An organizer as recited in claim 4, comprising two said holders, one being hinged to the other along one side thereof.
6. (original) An organizer as recited in claim 4, comprising two said holders, connected back to back.
7. (original) An organizer as recited in claim 4, comprising at least two said holders, connected side to side.

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8. (currently amended) An organizer as recited in claim 1, wherein said holder provides a common vertical center wall, with said container units being securable to either side thereof by ~~any suitable means~~. *112(2) AB*

Cont 9. (original) An organizer as recited in claim 1, wherein said housing has a tab extending upwardly from an upper surface thereof, said tab having an opening for hanging said at least one container unit.

10. (original) An organizer as recited in claim 9, wherein said tab is foldable against said upper surface so as not to interfere with the connection of said at least one container unit with said holder.

11. (original) An organizer as recited in claim 9, wherein said tab is removable from said housing so as not to interfere with the connection of said at least one container unit with said holder.

12. (original) An organizer as recited in claim 1, wherein a number of container units are attachable to said holder, in any of a multitude of locations, and the pivoting of said bins is actuated via pinion wheels arranged on each said bin, each pinion wheel being engaged in contact with a slidable rack, so that when a bin or rack is manipulated by a user, said manipulation causes rotation of said pinion wheel and movement of said bin and rack.

13. (original) An organizer as recited in claim 12, wherein said racks are connected via at least one cross-beam, so that the manipulation of one said rack or bin causes the other racks and bins to perform the same movement as said one rack or bin.

Fig 14 14. (new) An organizer as recited in claim 1, wherein the releasable latching mechanism is a set of tabs for releasably engaging a set of slots in the holder, and a catch. *51 52*

15. (new) An organizer as recited in claim 1, wherein the holder is sized to house a plurality of container units in releasable latching engagement.

16. (new) An organizer as recited in claim 15, wherein the holder releasably engages a plurality of container units to allow reconfiguration of the organizer.